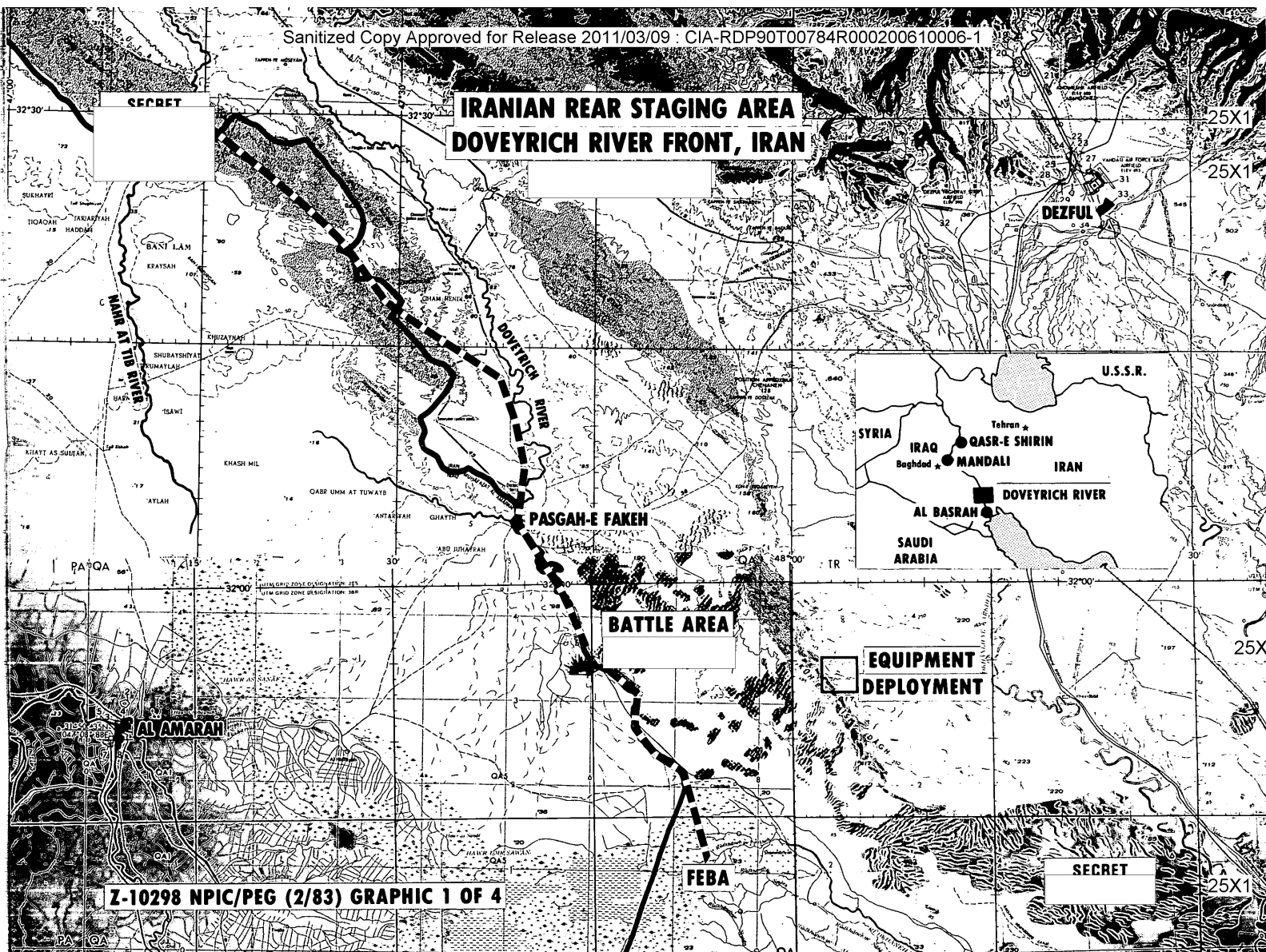


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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: INCREASE IN HELICOPTERS AND RIVER-CROSSING EQUIPMENT AT AN IRANIAN STAGING AREA 19 NM EAST OF THE IRAQ-IRAN BORDER (GRAPHIC 1).

2. (SWN) REMARKS: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED IN AN IRANIAN STAGING AREA AT 31-54N 048-03E APPROXIMATELY 19 NM EAST OF THE IRAQ-IRAN BORDER. HELICOPTERS AND A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF RIVER-CROSSING EQUIPMENT HAVE DEPLOYED TO THE STAGING AREA

THIRTEEN AUGUSTA BELL 205 HELICOPTERS AND TWO AUGUSTA BELL 206 HELICOPTERS ARE IN A HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE (GRAPHIC 2). IN ADDITION, SIX GSP HEAVY AMPHIBIOUS FERRIES, FOUR TANK-MOUNTED SCISSORS BRIDGES, AT LEAST SIX TMM TRUCK-MOUNTED SCISSORS BRIDGES, AND AT LEAST 80 PMP HEAVY-FOLDING PONTON BRIDGE SECTIONS ARE PRESENT (GRAPHIC 3 AND 4). A TANK BATTALION HAS DEPARTED THE AREA SINCE

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(SWN) SINCE THE IRANIANS ARE IN CONTROL OF THE DOVEYRICH RIVER IN THE NORTHERN SECTION OF THE BATTLE AREA AND DO NOT APPEAR TO NEED THIS AMOUNT OF BRIDGING EQUIPMENT IN THIS AREA, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS RIVER-CROSSING EQUIPMENT IS DESTINED FOR ANOTHER SECTION OF THE FRONT. SINCE THE LAST AREA OF FIGHTING WAS IN THE BORDER AREA OPPOSITE AL AMARAH AND RELATIVELY CLOSE TO THIS STAGING AREA THE EQUIPMENT POSSIBLY COULD BE USED TO AID IRANIAN FORCES IN APPROACHING IRAQI LINES FURTHER SOUTH OVER APPARENTLY WET TERRAIN.

3. BE N/A, COORDINATES N/A

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